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MAYOR

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Federal Communications Commission:

The City of Torrance strongly opposes recent proposals by the Federal Communications Commission to grant communications service providers' subsidized access to local public property, dictating how local governments shall manage their own local "rights-of-ways" and administration of their local public property. This unprecedented federal intrusion into local (and state) government property rights will have strong adverse consequential impacts on all cities and local taxpayers, reducing funding for essential local government services, as well as introducing an increased risk to right-of-way and other public safety hazard concerns without local government monitoring and regulation.

We believe that the FCC's proposals are based on purposefully misdirected interpretations of federal law. Congress previously addressed and resolved these issues resoundingly in favor of local and state governments and their property rights. The City of Torrance strongly rejects any efforts of this federal regulatory agency to improperly invade and diminish state and local government authority by compelling local elected officials to subsidize this action by "gifting" local public property to a small group of private businesses with self-interest and a lot of money.

According to FCC's own estimates, just one of these actions – the proposed small cell rules – threatens future revenues to local (and state) governments by billions of dollars over the next decade.



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The City of Torrance feels strongly that any further attempts to undermine local oversight capabilities, whether further reductions of discretionary oversight, permitting requirements, associated permit fee cost recovery or review timeframes, would undermine local government's ability to ensure safe placements of assets and eliminate citizen involvement in the location determination process.

The City of Torrance strongly opposes these proposals.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor, City of Torrance

cc: United States Senate, Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate, Kamala Harris  
United States House of Representatives, Maxine Waters  
United States House of Representatives, Ted Lieu